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THE RICHESON CASE.

The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson is in a serious situation. There is little evidence before the public to indicate that he has committed murder, but he had expressed the assurance that the grand jury's investigation would clear him, whereas that body was not long in returning an indictment against him. The law presumes the minister innocent; the popular mind is not unwarranted, in the circumstances, in presuming him guilty.

The flippant and the thoughtless, because this man has apparently fallen into evil courses that led him to the dark crime of murdering a dependent and trust young girl, may sneer at his holy calling. There is a rule that the exception proves the rule. This means that if a man should fall out of a tenth story window and not break his neck, and nobody marveled at it, falling out of high windows would be a perfectly safe form of amusement. The rule is that this is a very dangerous diversion, and the wonder it would excite in people's minds, if one should do it without injury, would prove this rule.

Judged by the ordinary standards of conduct clergymen are better than other men. Of all men, educated men would commit fewer crimes than the unlettered, without reference to a different condition, because there are fewer educated men. All things being equal, professional men would commit fewer crimes than unprofessional educated men, if in a minority; and ministers fewer crimes than other professional men, because fewer in number.

But as a matter of fact, it is what we call a bigger news story for a minister to violate the laws than it is for a man of any other class to do so, as is clearly proved by the estimate of the newspaper makers and readers. The mere profession that a man is a holy man does not account for it. If priests were commonly overtaken in felony, little account would be taken of such a case. There are comparatively few people with eyes of different color, yet if such a person committed a brutal murder the fact that he belonged to this small class would excite no particular comment.

Morality is a confluent of spirituality, and spiritual leadership develops a strengthening sense of responsibility. The minister is a better man than the man in the pew, too, because his mental exercise is toward the ideal; his work does not soil his hands. The man in the pew encounters other men, most part of his time, in contact for material things. He is prone to be absorbed in this battle for a sufficiency of bread and meat, to reach on and on for more than a sufficiency, to lay something for himself and those dependent upon him in case of a rainy day. Even if he disdains unclean methods, even if he steers clear of the many temptations to use forbidden weapons of warfare, as deceit and dishonesty, still his mind is exercised about the material, rather than the ideal. So by the very nature of the case, the responsibilities of leadership and the nature of his work, the minister is farther removed from the danger of perversion, of having his morality undermined, of losing his moral bearings, than the good layman.

It proves nothing to the discredit of the men in the ministry as a class, nor the cause they represent, when one of them falls. It is a new proof, which is not needed, that all men are common clay, and that he who thinks he standeth must constantly take heed.

A MOVEMENT THAT CANNOT BE HEADED OFF.

One must needs admit that a republican government ought to be maintained. Unless it is it is abandoned, no justly-earned freedom of the world can be maintained.

THE NEW TRAINS.

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incidental to its more specific purposes, is just now striking some mighty effective blows for truly representative government, working along a comparatively new line. The direct nomination of President and Vice President seems to have been little thought of until recently. That would not secure representative government, to be sure, but it will powerfully emphasize it; if the voters can nominate their President, they will ask, why not their congressmen and legislators, their sheriffs and constables?

The States which have adopted what is called the Oregon plan of popular vote for candidates for party nomination for President and Vice President, with the dates on which the primary votes will be had, are: North Dakota, March 19; Wisconsin, April 2; Nebraska, April 17; Oregon, April 17; New Jersey, May 28.

The Progressive League and its president, Senator Bourne, are by no means content with this handful of States, although the results in their primaries are going to be significant and are going to have their influence in the national conventions; they are stirring the party rank and file in all the States to demand an unofficial primary, to be held 30 days prior to the national conventions next summer. The legislatures of six or eight States will meet this winter, and every effort will be made to secure the egalized Presidential primary in those States.

This is a movement that cannot be headed. Some of these States will enact the plan into law, the parties in other States will adopt it. A candidate cannot very well object to it, and when the national conventions meet the party leaders will have before them a pretty definite idea as to whom the people wish nominated. Whether they will nominate them, this time, is another question.

The plan of popular election of United States senators has been adopted in Oregon, Nebraska, Nevada, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Kansas, California and Wisconsin.

BAD SIGNS.

The poet, William Blake, was certain that a dog starved at his master's gate predicts the ruin of the state. A horse misused upon the road calls to heaven for human blood. The wild deer, wand'ring here and there keeps the human soul from care.

This country is in a very bad way. When it sends its money west for hay. And when we buy apples from New York. And depend on Armour & Co. for pork.

He might have added, if he had thought of it.

The initiative and referendum idea, pernicious and dangerous as it appears to the conservative mind, is moving through the west on the wings of a desperate discontent. The western people are turning to this measure, not so much because they are inclined by nature to the bizarre, as because there are ingrained evils that they are desperately determined to cure, regardless of any after effects of the dose. Initiative and referendum amendments have been adopted in South Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nevada, Missouri, Montana, Arkansas—anything may happen in Arkansas—Maine and California, and have been endorsed by legislatures for submission to a vote of the people in Washington, Wyoming, North Dakota, Nebraska, Florida—not so very far west—and Wisconsin.

If a man, living right in the heart of Asheville, can produce on half an acre all the vegetables he needs and sell \$500 worth besides, in a season, how much profit is there in complaining about hard times? An unused copy of the Congressional Record will be given for the best answer.

Old Jack laid ruinous hands upon the municipal flower garden in Pack park last night.

PRESS COMMENT.

LIVE STOCK CULTURE. The Salisbury Post tells of shipments of cattle, sheep and hogs that pass through Salisbury daily from East Tennessee, going to Richmond and other northern markets and wonders why Western North Carolina can't find this stock-raising and marketing profitable. Neighbor Ashe, Allegheny and Watauga counties are extensively engaged in this business, and chances are, some of the very stock you see was bred and raised in these mountain counties, but Tennessee and Virginia have built railroads into this territory and made bids for our North Carolina trade.

Your own farmer-congressman, Bob Doughton, is no doubt, shipping cattle right now from Mountain City or Shoups, Tennessee or Marlan or Galez, Virginia—either point 30 to 35 miles nearer than any shipping point in his congressional district, and this distance means a great deal when you are getting beef cattle to market.

North Carolina is losing mighty good trade by not hastening railroads into her mountain counties.—Charlotte News.

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the world to complain.—Thompsonville Charity and Children.

JUDGE PRITCHARD.
 While he is of the minority politically there are any number of North Carolinians who would like to see Judge Jeter C. Pritchard elevated to the Supreme court bench.—Durham Sun.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS ARE INCREASING HERE

Several Now in This Section and More to Be Established Soon.

Uncle Sam, represented by Postmaster General Hitchcock, evidently believes there is a rich field in western North Carolina for postal savings banks. Last week branches of the bank were started in the offices at Marshall and Canton, and with those already established in Asheville, Waynesville and Hendersonville, this makes quite a nest of them within a radius of a few miles. Preparations are now being made, to the establishment of another branch at the Biltmore office. But for some hitches in these preparations, the bank would already have been established and it is practically certain that it will be anyway within a very short while. Plans may also be on foot for their establishment in other nearby towns but if so they have not yet been divulged. With those already in operation, however, the network is closer than in any other part of the state.

These banks are supposed to appeal more strongly to the foreign element than to any other, and it has already been proved that this is largely the case. There is a small foreign element in western North Carolina so it is a matter of conjecture as to why the department has paid so much attention to this section.

All of the banks are doing exceptionally well. The local banks, by reason of the size of this city, outstripping the others in the amount of business, but the others, it is said, are doing their proportionate share and all are daily growing in favor. The local branch, which was established October 14, had 18 accounts opened during the 15 days it was open last month. The amount of the deposits cannot be given out but the officials state that those who have opened accounts seem to mean business, as they continue to come back and add to their deposits.

As an example of how these deposits can grow by the saving of small sums, it is said that one man has deposited \$18 here by the stamp system. By this method a card is issued with a stamp on it and can be purchased for 10 cents. The holder of the card can continue buying stamps and putting on the card until he has 10. He then exchanges the card for a dollar certificate. Saving \$18 by that method in the short time the bank has been open here shows what the small depositor can do, and when the working people get acquainted with the system it is practically certain that the deposits will increase rapidly.

POLICE COURT

Only Two Cases for Adjudication and the Defendants Were Treated Leniently.

The session of Police court was rather short this morning, there being only two cases on the docket to be disposed of. One of these was Walter Cook, who was charged with being drunk. He admitted the charge but pled for leniency, as he said he had been "straight" for about a year. Judge Adams was interested most, however, in where he got the whiskey. Cook didn't appear to remember very well at first but finally said that it was from a negro on West College street. He was pressed for details and asked for a description of the itinerant "tiger." He said the man was a brown negro and answered to the name of "Crip." He was asked if he could locate him and said he thought he could, whereupon Judge Adams suspended judgment in his case upon payment of the costs and advised him to produce the negro.

The other case was one against James Carter, an old negro drayman, for soliciting baggage in the Southern depot. He was turned up by Andy Finney, another drayman not quite as old. There has existed for some time a bitter feud between Jim and Finney, which started in a little "scrap" sometime ago. Jim turned Finney up for the same thing once, but he insisted this morning that the latter should be looking after his own business. Judge Adams advised them to form a trust and go in partnership, but there was "nothing doing." The defendant submitted to the case but asked the court to be as light as possible on him. He was let off with the costs.

TELLS OF GENTLEMEN'S PACT AT SPRINGFIELD

Lee O'Neil Browne, Legislative Minority Leader, Wins in Lister Inquiry.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Lee O'Neil Browne of Ottawa, Ill., former minority leader in the state legislature, was a witness yesterday before the committee of United States senators investigating the Lorimer election.

"A child-like faith in the tenets of friendship and a lack of knowledge of the devious ways of politics," said Browne; "led me to believe that Speaker Shurtleff favored me as a minority leader for the forty-sixth general assembly. I have heard since, however, that he feared that with my 54 followers, and conditions as they were on the republican side that I might become the real speaker of the house."

Browne said he first met Charles A. White about a month before the legislature convened at Springfield, in January, 1907.

Browne said Edward D. Shurtleff's election as speaker was due entirely to Shurtleff's fairness and reputation for consideration of Democratic needs.

THE MARKETS

New York, Nov. 2.—Trading was active and changes irregular at the stock market opening today. Prices began to move upward strongly, an advance following the period of weakness. Gains generally extended during the second hour, when the list averaged above yesterday's closing.

New York, Nov. 2.—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to an advance of 4 points. Offerings were heavy and prices soon eased off, selling about 2 to 4 points below yesterday's closing figures. The market later was rather nervous and irregular and trading was comparatively quiet. Prices worked 2 or 3 points above yesterday's final.

Trading continued quiet later in the morning and prices ruled about steady. A rally from the early break carried the market 2 to 6 points higher. Offerings increased above 9 cents for January. Prices at midday were about net unchanged, or around 8.37 for January contracts.

STOCKS.

	Open.	Close.
Atchafalaya	106 1/2	106 1/2
Am. Locomotive	35	35
Am. Smelting	68	67 1/2
Atlantic Coast Line	128 1/2	128 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	75 1/2	75 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	99	99
Amal. Copper	54 1/2	54 1/2
Canadian Pacific	239 1/2	239 1/2
N. Y. Central	107 1/2	107 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	71	71
Erie	22 1/2	22 1/2
Great Northern pfd.	125 1/2	125 1/2
Mo., Kans. & Texas	31 1/2	31 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	148 1/2	148 1/2
National Lead	47 1/2	47 1/2
Missouri Pacific	42	42
Norfolk & Western	108	108
Northern Pacific	118 1/2	118 1/2
Pennsylvania	122 1/2	122 1/2
People's Gas	105 1/2	105 1/2
Rock Island	59	59
Rock Island pfd.	59	59
Reading	142 1/2	142 1/2
Am. Sugar Refining	117 1/2	117 1/2
Southern Pacific	112	112
St. Paul	109 1/2	109 1/2
Southern Railway	30 1/2	30 1/2
Southern Railway pfd.	71	71
Union Pacific	166 1/2	167 1/2
U. S. Steel	58 1/2	58 1/2
U. S. Steel pfd.	109	109
Wabash pfd.	25 1/2	25 1/2

NEW YORK COTTON.

	Open.	Close.
November	9.05	9.05
December	9.25	9.25
January	9.00	9.02
March	9.10	9.12
May	9.21	9.22
July	9.27	9.30

Local Securities.

	Bid.	Asked.
Asheville Water 4 1/2%	\$ 98.00	\$ 98.00
Beaumont Furniture	110.00	110.00
Citizens Bank	144.00	144.00
Universal Security 6%	10.00	10.00
Universal Security cert. 11.00	11.00	11.00
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Wm. Brownell Mill	12.00	12.00

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 The annual meeting of stockholders of the South Atlantic Trans-Continental Railroad Company will be held at the office of the company in Asheville, North Carolina, as provided in the By-Laws, on Monday, November 13, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors; also for the purpose of changing the date of meeting to the first Wednesday following the second Tuesday in January. If you are unable to be present personally, you will have the kindness to sign the attached proxy in blank, that the same may be voted by a proper representative at the meeting.
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